

No. 05-2504

[UNPUBLISHED]

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Before BYE, McMILLIAN, and RILEY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Federal inmate Andre Randall (Randall) appeals the district court's¹ dismissal of his petition for a writ of mandamus. Randall's request for punitive damages fails because the defendant federal prison officials—all of whom were sued in their official capacities—are immune from liability for monetary damages in this case. See Hagemeyer v. Block, 806 F.2d 197, 202-03 (8th Cir. 1986) (sovereign immunity bars claims against federal officials in their official capacities unless immunity is waived).

As for Randall's request for injunctive relief, we affirm the dismissal on mootness grounds because Randall has been released from federal custody. See 8th Cir. R. 47A(a). We also deny his motion for appointment of counsel.

¹The Honorable Richard H. Kyle, United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, adopting the report and recommendations of the Honorable Arthur J. Boylan, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota.